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**STATE TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY ADVISORY BOARD (STBIAB)**  
**MEETING MINUTES of March 20, 2015**

**Present:** Albert Burian, Rita Manriquez, Lila Ota, Dr. Robert Sloan, Stephanie Yee, Kawena Young

**Excused:** William Rodrigues, Mary Wilson

**Others:** Dylan Arrieta, Pacific Basin Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (PBRRTC)/Hawaii Neurotrauma Registry (HNTR); Evelyn Bautista, (HNTR); Lyna Burian, Brain Injury Association-Hawaii (BIA-HI); Kevin Furutani, Hui Malama Po'o; Violet Horvath, PhD. Director PBRRTC/HNTR; Ross Oshiro, Coordinator Queen's Center for Sports Medicine; Dan Purcell; Bridget Velasco, Department of Health (DOH);

**DOH Staff:** Curtis Inouye

- I. Call to Order – Acting Chair Lila Ota called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m. Quorum present.
- II. Approval of Minutes –Board Member Stephanie Yee motioned to accept the Board minutes of January 22, 2015. Board Member Rita Manriquez second the motion. Board members voted to accept the Minutes as written.
- III. Review of Agenda – Acting Chair Lila Ota reviewed the Board's agenda. Board Members accepted the agenda with no changes.
- IV. New Business
  - A. 2015 Legislative Updates

Lyna Burian from the Brain Injury Association of Hawaii provided an update on SB924-Relating to Health Coverage for Brain Injury. This bill requires insurance contracts and plans to provide coverage for treatment of brain injuries, including cognitive and neurocognitive therapy, neurobehavioral and neuropsychological testing or treatment. The bill was introduced on 1/23/15 and passed the first reading on 1/26/15. It was then referred to the Health (HTH)/Consumer and Commerce (CPN) Committee, and to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means (WAM) on 1/28/15. The Committees on HTH/CPN scheduled a public hearing on 2/6/15. On 2/6/15, the Committees on HTH/CPN deferred the measure until 2/13/15. On 2/13/15, the Committee on HTH and CPN recommended that the measure be passed with amendments. The amendment included inserting a

definition for “cognitive rehabilitation therapy” and making a technical, non-substantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency. On 2/20/15, HTH/CPN recommendation of passage on Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referral to WAM. 2/20/15, Report adopted, passed Second Reading as amended and referred to WAM. Lyna continued to follow the status of the Bill after it was referred to the Committee on WAM. She had tried contacting Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair-WAM but got no response. She did get through to Senator Tokuda’s aide but was told that SB924 SD1 will not be heard in this 2015 session. The Bill is alive for the 2016 Legislative Session.

B. 2015 STBIAB Annual Meeting

The DOH and the STBIAB have discussed in the past resuming an Annual STBIAB meeting. Per Board Member Kawena Young, it would be good to have an annual meeting where all Board Members can meet, see and connect with one another. With the added time, the agenda can be expanded, there will be more time for discussions and networking, and would be a good time to address the goals of the STBIAB. DOH staff will look into securing a date and location for the meeting with the approval from the DOH.

V. Old Business

A. Concussion Management Project Update:

Ross Oshiro from the Hawaii Concussion Awareness and Management Program (HCAMP) provided a concussion report summary for high schools in Hawaii For the period 8/1/14 to 2/28/15. Ross reported that a total of 6274 baselines were completed during this period. There were 780 concussions reported by the schools during this period. Hawaii Island reported completing 1086 baselines and reported 69 concussions to date. High schools on Kauai completed 269 baselines and reported 41 concussions to date. Maui high schools completed 548 baselines with 75 concussions reported by the schools. The Interscholastic league of Hawaii completed 1779 baselines and reported 204 concussions. The Oahu Interscholastic League completed 2588 baselines and reported a total of 391 concussions during this reporting period. By sports, Ross reported that football season is now over and will resume during the spring. At last report, there were a total of 310 reported concussions with 907 baselines completed. Ross mentioned that he anticipates an increase in baselines and reported concussions as football resumes in Spring. Women’s soccer was second with 73 concussions reported followed by women’s basketball with 50 concussions reported.

Board Member Dr. Robert Sloan who was not present at the time of Ross’ report had several questions regarding the HCAMP report. Some of the questions he had were in regards to recurrent concussive blows to the head, incidence rates, baseline counts for particular high schools, return to play protocol, what is HCAMP’s goal. DOH staff will contact Ross or Nathan Murata to inform them of Dr. Sloan’s questions. Dr. Sloan provided his contact number in the event either Ross or Nathan wanted to further discuss HCAMP’s goals and data. Ross or Nathan will report on the questions that Dr. Sloan mentioned at the next STBIAB meeting.

HCAMP completed an educational and awareness session on concussions with the Big Boys Football program at Kuhio Park Terrace on 2/21/15. HCAMP has

also scheduled a free Concussion Clinic at Kapolei High School on 4/23/15. In response to a question regarding non-reporting by private schools, in particular Maryknoll and Punahou, Ross mentioned that both private schools chose not to participate in the program and has their own program to address concussion management. Statewide public high schools are required to participate in the program. Most private schools chose to participate in HCAMP. Ross also mentioned that he is not sure how much under-reporting of concussions goes on but feels reporting of concussions are getting better. He mentioned that coaches and athletic trainers are getting on the program and students are self-reporting cases of concussions. See the HCAMP report which is attached for more information.

C. Pacific Basin Rehabilitation Research and Training Center Hawaii Neurotrauma Registry (HNTR) Update:

Violet Horvath provided an update on the HNTR Project through February 28, 2015. Her report is attached to these Minutes and can be found on page 1 of the HNTR Report under Highlights for February 2015. In addition to what is listed On Violet's report, under #5, while in Williamsburg, Va., Violet and Dylan will be visiting the Community Brain Injury Center. From their website, it seems that their program follows the clubhouse model. They will also visit the Denbigh House which focuses on training and maintaining employment for individuals with a traumatic brain injury. They will also visit the Department of Aging and Rehabilitation Services which Violet feels is similar to Hawaii's Department of Vocational Rehabilitation. Per Violet, she will also be presenting at the Pac Rim Conference on Oahu in May, 2015 on the Hawaii Neurotrauma Registry. Dylan Arrieta from HNTR provided an update on HNTR's Social Media and Marketing campaign.

Please refer to the HNTR report which is attached for further information.

Violet also mentioned that the Rick Hamada Community Matters interview which aired on February 8, 2015 is archived and anyone wanting to see it can contact her.

D. TBI Binder:

The TBI Binder was developed to provide information and resources to traumatic brain injury (TBI) survivors and their families. The DOH has partnered with the Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific (REHAB) to provide this binder to tbi survivors and their families upon discharge from REHAB. DOH will also be uploading this binder onto their Neurotrauma website. Board Members were able to review the contents of the binder and provide feedback to DOH on the content/information of the binder. Board Members mentioned that the information should be simplistic in nature, easy to read and comprehend and to eliminate any redundancy in the information. A front page to the binder should be attractive to attract peoples' attention. Information should also be tabbed to separate the different areas of information. The font size of the information should be large enough for individuals to read easily. Board Members with additional information or comments can e-mail or call their comments in to Neurotrauma staff.

E. TBI Brochure:

Neurotrauma staff continues to work on the TBI brochure. Contents of the draft tbi brochure needs to be modified and revised. Board Member Kawena Young volunteered to assist with the design and graphics for the brochure. Neurotrauma staff will inform the STBIAB of DOH's requirements in regards to the tbi brochure.

F. Neighbor Island TBI Activities:

Kauai: Board Member Rita Manriquez provided an update on Aloha Independent Living Hawaii (AILH) and what the agency provides for individuals with TBI and other disabilities on Kauai.

Now that AILH is on Kauai with Rita being Kauai's Independent Living Specialist, her days are very busy. She has been providing information and in-services on AILH to various agencies on Kauai such as DOH, Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), Social Security Administration, and Elderly Affairs. Being a TBI survivor, Rita is aware of what services are needed and incorporates her experiences as a tbi survivor into her presentations to these various agencies. Rita has networked with DVR on Kauai and has received a referral from that agency. Rita has also connected with the Food Bank on Kauai. Having utilized the agency in the past, Rita realized there may be other tbi survivors who may benefit from services that AILH provides.

G. DOH Update:

V. Announcements:

1. Lyna Burian from the Brain Injury Association of Hawaii:  
Brain Injury Support Group meeting will be held on April 4, 2015 at the Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific. Meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. in room Wo 4. Topic: long Term Care  
Brain Injury Association of Hawaii Educational Meetings will be held on April 8, 2015 and April 15, 2015 at the Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific. Both meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. in room Wo 4. Speaking at the meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup> will be Chad Taniguchi from the Hawaii Bicycle League. Please call the Brain Injury Association of Hawaii or Lyna Burian for more information on the meeting scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup>.
2. Board Member Kawena Young mentioned that there was a professional football player who after one season of playing football retired due to concerns from a concussion. Kawena mentioned that this type of information and news regarding concussions and concussion awareness should be further publicized. The DOH has contracted with the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Department of Kinesiology and Rehabilitation Science to conduct ongoing concussion awareness and education sessions for the community but as Kawena mentioned, the Board should look in the future who do we want to educate in the community and why.

3. Save the Date: 29<sup>th</sup> Annual SPIN Conference “Operation SPIN”  
This is a conference for families of children with disabilities and helping professionals. There will be resources for family and parents, workshops, exhibits from different agencies, and great speakers. It will be on May 2, 2015 at the University of Hawaii at Manoa Campus Center from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please call the Neurotrauma Helpline or SPIN (Special Parent Information Network) at 586-8126.

VII. Next Meeting

Date: May 15, 2015

Time: 1:30 – 4:00 pm

Location: Kalanimoku VCC and Neighbor Island VCC sites

Recorded by Curtis Inouye